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- Officials of the Argentine Embassy, Habana, Cuba, have continued to take increased interest in Cuban labor activities, and this increased interest has begun to receive publicity in the Habana press. Cesar Tronconi, diplomatically listed as Third Secretary of the Argentine Embassy, but commonly referred to as Labor Attache, has been the most active.
- Tronconi, who was placed in contact with the Accion Revolucionaria Guiteras (ARG) by the late Juan Arevalo, is reported to have given the ARG \$500,000 and twelve autmobiles. Tronconi, who visited the ARG headquarters, announced that he was satisfied with the ARG's social program of revolutionary syndicalism. He said that he intended to send a detailed report about the ARG to the Confederacion General de Trabajadores de Argentina (CGT) in Argentina since 25X1A6a the two programs had so much in common. Comment. It has been reported by a separate source, without confirmation, that twelve Oldsmobiles were taken through customs in Habana recently, without payment of duty, by intervention of the Argentine Embassy and were turned over directly to the ARG.)
- 3. Tronconi has not only offered financial assistance to the ARG and Comite Obrera Nacional Independiente (CONI), but has also endeavored to infiltrate Joven Cuba by offering that group financial support. Joven Cuba has not, thus far, accepted the offer but conversations continue.
- Tronconi and Argentine Press Attache Hugo Petroff, have obtained the assistance of some Cuban newspapermen such as Chatand of El Mundo, Corredor of Informacion, Mario Barrera of Prensa Libre and Robainas of Diario de la Marina.
- Tronconi has just finished a trip through the provinces of Pinar del Rio, Habana, and Matanzas. He was accompanied by Vicente Rubiera, a close friend of Angel Cofino and a leader in the electrical syndicate. They visited many local syndicates together in an automobile loaned to them by Cofino. Rubiera carried a letter of authority from Cofino which asked that they be afforded every courtesy.
- When Tronconi learned that several leaders of the Buro Nacional Obrero del Cafe were going to Matanzas during October 1948 to make an investigation of an alleged disappearance of coffee, he asked the men to go with him in his automobile. He said he wanted them to introduce him to local officials who

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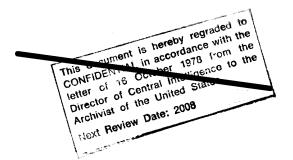
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would help him in his study toward the establishment of a refrigeration plan which would supply meat to the Cuban people. During the trip, he explained that Argentina intended to build such facilities in the Caribbean Comment. republics as well as in Central America and New Orleans. 25X1A6a Pueblo for 26 October 1948 reported that Carlos Matus Hoyos, Minister Consejero of the Argentine Embassy, visited an electrical plant assembly together with Argentine Labor Attache Cesar Tronconi and took part in the meeting. This is the first time that a diplomat has done this in Cuba.)

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Senora Valdes de la Paz, who formerly was in the Argentine Embassy in the United States, plans to organize many social activities in the near future, the purpose of which will be to make additional friends for the Argentine Embassy in the Habana press.



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